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CANTEEN AT PORINGALKUTHU—CONTRACT FOR

45. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. രാഘവൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് സദയം മറുപടി നൽകുമോ.—

(എ) പെരിങ്ങൽകുത്തിലെ കൻടീൻ സപ്ലൈ കരാർ ആരെയൊണ് എല്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്;

(ബി) ഏതു വ്യവസ്ഥയിലാണു്;

(സി) ഇയാളുടെ സ്വഭാവമേതു്;

(ഡി) ഇയാളുടെ കൻടീൻ സപ്ലൈ കണക്കുകൾ ചെക്ക ചെയ്യുന്നതു് ആരാണു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ:

(എ) അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു കരാർ ആരെയും എല്പിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. അതു് മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. ഗോവിന്ദൻ എന്നാളുടെ സ്വകാര്യസ്ഥാപനമായിരുന്നു.

(ബി) സാമനങ്ങൾ മിതമായ വിലക്കു വില്പനാമെന്ന നിശ്ചയത്തിന്മേൽ കച്ചവടം അനുസരിച്ചുള്ള കുറച്ചുസ്ഥലം ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റിൽനിന്നും അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിരുന്നു.

(സി) ചേന്ദമംഗലം.

(ഡി) സ്വകാര്യസ്ഥാപനമായതുകൊണ്ടു് ഉത്തരം ആവശ്യമില്ല.

PORINGALKUTHU SCHEME—CLEARANCE WORK

46. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. രാഘവൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) പെരിങ്ങൽകുത്തു ക്ലിയറൻസിനു വെട്ടിയിരിക്കുന്ന മരങ്ങളുടെ തലവാരത്തിൽ നിന്നു വിറകു ശേഖരിക്കുന്നതിനു് ഒരു അട്ടിക്കു് എത്ര ചിലവുവരുന്നുണ്ടു്;

(ബി) വനംവകുപ്പിൽ വിറകുകൾ ശേഖരിക്കുന്നതിനു് ഒരു അട്ടിക്കു് എത്ര ചിലവു വരുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ;

(സി) വെട്ടിച്ചുമപ്പിച്ചു ലോറിയിൽ കയറ്റിക്കൊടുക്കുന്നതിന്നു വനം വകുപ്പിൽ ഒരു അട്ടിവരുന്ന ഒരു ടൺ വിറകിന്നു നൽകിവരുന്ന നിരക്കെത്രയാണെന്നു പറയാമോ;

(ഡി) അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള ഒരു ടൺ വിറകു ലോറിയിൽ കയറ്റുമ്പോൾ മൊത്തത്തിൽ എത്ര വീതം പെരിങ്ങൽകുത്തു ചിലവുവരുന്നുണ്ടു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ:

(എ) ഒരു ടണ്ണിന്നു ഏക. ൭ ണ. വരുന്നുണ്ടു്.

(ബി) ഒരു ടൺ വിറകിന്നു് ൪ ക. മുതൽ ൯ ക. വരെ വരുന്നുണ്ടു്.

(സി) മേൽകാണിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള നിരക്കു വെട്ടി ശേഖരിച്ചു ലോറിയിൽ കയറ്റുന്നതിന്നും ഉൾപ്പെടെയാണു്.

(ഡി) പെരിങ്ങൽകുത്തിൽ ലോറികളിൽ വിറകു കയറ്റിയിട്ടില്ല.

2. POINT OF ORDER

*Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Before we proceed to other items in the Agenda I raise a point of order first to be followed by a point of privilege. The point of order is this. There are restrictions, I know, Sir, regarding the admission of visitors to galleries both the distinguished as well as the ordinary. I find, Sir, that there is accommodation in the visitors gallery to accommodate not less than 150 persons and with some difficulty and adjustment between them even a number of 200 can be accommodated and on the distinguished gallery a minimum of 60 chairs can be had, I believe 60 had been thrust in. It is plain, Sir, as plain as daylight to you and everybody in this House that the visitors in both these galleries are thinned and I understand, Sir, that is as a result of the directions, surely within the President's competence, regarding the direction of admission of visitors into the gallery. My personal experience this morning, Sir, was with regard to getting a seat for a gentleman, who could easily occupy one of the seats occupied by the Ministers, perhaps with greater distinction, could not get a seat for the distinguished gallery for the reason that the authority who was to give tickets was not in his

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

office when he was approached by this man. When I issue a slip for the admission of any visitors either to the distinguished gallery or the visitors gallery I take the responsibility according to the rules for his good behaviour while he is in the House and that is implicit.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member's complaint is on the particular point of a particular gentleman not having got a ticket because the Officer in charge of the issue of ticket was not in the office at that time and not that it was refused.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): I have referred to the fact that he was not in his seat. It was not a complaint registered against him, because he was perhaps wanted to do some more important thing.

Mr. President: What is the point of order raised by the Hon'ble Member?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Proper arrangements for the issue of tickets may first be made and no manner of undue restrictions be placed for the admission of visitors who are here only on the responsibility of some member or other of this House. My submission, Sir, is this. These are ultra vires in a sense I raise it as a point of order and I do not know whether it was the feeling of all the members who said they did not wish to put the questions. A very important question of mine I did not ask on which one hour may be profitably spent by supplementary questions and the Government exposed for the reason that there is no House to hear.

Mr. President: Is it that all those Hon'ble Members refused to put the questions because the galleries were not full?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): I do not know what the motives of the other members was. But as far as poor me was concerned that was the reason.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member said before that his motive was to follow suit.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): In the act of not putting questions apart from that question of admission to galleries, what is taking place here must be known to the Public of Cochin.

Mr. President: Is that the point of order of the Hon'ble Member?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): When I have raised a point of order, unless I cannot be interrupted..

Mr. President: It is unnecessary to have a point of order on a point of order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): I just got it.

Mr. M. K. Raja (Mulakunnthukavu): I had occasion, Sir, I think in Karkadagam 1121 to raise a very important issue of accommodation in the public gallery. If I remember correct, Sir George Boag was presiding, and ruled that it was not a point of order and that the matter can be raised either by a question or by a resolution.

Mr. President: Thank you for the information. The point of order has been raised to allow the Hon'ble Member to state briefly what is the point of order or what is the proposition.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): The point of order, Sir, is that the direction given regarding the restriction of admission of visitors to both the distinguished and visitors galleries as also the difficulties of getting tickets to both these galleries has created...

Mr. President: What is your proposal for this?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): I have raised the point of order. My language or my method if it is to be directed by others..

Mr. President: As far as I can understand the matter, the Hon'ble Member wishes that no undue restriction should be placed upon the admission of visitors to the galleries. That is the substance. To repeat his own words "that no undue restriction should be placed on admission of visitors to both the President's as well as the visitors galleries." There is a rule which reads thus. I am only explaining the situation to clarify the position. It is under S. O. 8. In one clause it is stated that "members are requested not to apply for more than one ticket each for a day; responsibility with respect to any visitor will rest solely on the member introducing him."

Now this Standing Order has been greatly relaxed with good reason on the ground that there is no harm or no harmful consequences will result in relaxing it. I myself have issued sometimes slips for several persons at a time. That has been the practice of the House. But all the same this is purely within the sole discretion of the President of this House to enforce this Standing Order if it appears to him to be necessary—purely within his discretion. That is what the Standing Order says. At any time if the President feels that the Standing Order should be applied or some restriction should be placed upon the issue of tickets, then I suppose he should do it and he does it. That is how the matter stands. If at any time an Hon'ble member finds that a ticket has not been issued to all the persons to whom he has issued slips I should

request the Hon'ble members to take it in the proper light and give the President the credit of having some sufficient reason for having acted as he thought fit. And I think no ruling in this matter is necessary when the Standing Order is clear and when that Standing Order either explicitly or implicitly vests in the President the discretion which discretion the Hon'ble Members may be sure will be properly applied. If therefore during the past one or two days restrictions have been placed in this matter in the light of the Standing Order the President intended not at all to use any arbitrary power, but he was only acting according to the powers given to him under the Standing Order. I think the Hon'ble Members will agree in that action in the light of the happenings two days ago. This is all I have to say. I remind the Hon'ble Members that there is a responsibility resting upon their shoulders to see that what happened the other day does not happen again. I already requested the Hon'ble Members to co-operate in such ways as are open to them to see that such things are not repeated and the dignity of the House is in no way impaired. It is in the light of it that I have exercised the discretion that is vested in me. There the matter stands.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): I want some information, Sir. What is it that took place within the 4 walls of this saintly Chamber the other day?

Mr. President: The President has acted on it and he has his reasons. He is not bound to divulge the reasons. The Hon'ble Member cannot be ignorant of the reasons and I have stated plainly enough my reasons. More than that I am not going to state.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): I only ask what is that took place within the 4 walls of the Chamber. I wanted that information. It may be given.

Mr. President: I do not say that anything happened within the four walls of this Chamber. Hon'ble Members, this is the Council Chamber and the President uses his discretionary powers when it is found necessary.

3. DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

vi. 18—Reforms and Elections—B. Elections

***Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Prime Minister):** I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 13,044 under 18—Reforms and Elections—B. Elections.

The House is well aware of the anxiety both on the part of the Government and the Public to have the next elections to the Legislative Council expedited. It has been decided that elections have to be conducted on the basis of Adult Franchise, atleast for this purpose meaning a person who has completed the age of 21 years. The task of preparing the voters list on this basis is a stupendous task and for that purpose a separate department itself has been created. It has been found after the preparation of the main Budget in Karkadagam that some additional posts have to be created. It was found necessary to create certain new posts this year in the Election Department in connection with the preparation of electoral rolls and the conduct of elections to the Legislative Council. 12 posts of Supervisors on Rs. 40—60 were accordingly created for supervising the numbering of houses and enumeration of electors, since the Election Officers and the Assistant Election Officers alone cannot supervise the work effectively. Their services are also intended for tabulation of enumeration sheets and supervision of the printing of electoral rolls and for making arrangements for the polling.

Five posts of Attenders on Rs. 20 have also been created one Attender being attached to each of the Assistant Election Officers for assisting him in attending to tapals and answering enquiries from the public when the Assistant Election Officers are not in the Headquarters.

The expenditure was not anticipated at the time of framing the Budget, since this is a new department and the requirements of the Department could be known only by actual working. Hence the following additional allotments are necessary under "18—Reforms and Elections—B. Election".

1. Pay of Supervisors and Attenders	Rs. 6,699.
2. Dearness Allowance and Town Allowance	„ 4,345.
3. T.A.	„ 2,000

I pray that the House may be pleased to grant this additional allotment.

Mr. President: There are cut motions on this demand. One is from Mr. P. A. Mohammed Ashroff to elicit information.

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Minister.